U.N. bid to resolve Kampuchean Tangle

1738. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN have since made any fresh attempts to resolve the Kampuchean tangle; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) There is no formal U.N. initiative to resolve the Kampuchean question. However, the U.N. Secretary-General recently put forward certain ideas which are generally characterised as 'a 4-point proposal'

(b) The Secretary-General's ideas envisage the following:—

(i) Partial withdrawal of Vietnamese troops.

(ii) Talks between the four parties concerned i.e. three factions of CGDK and the Government of P.R.K. on national reconciliation.

(iii) Total troop withdrawal by the Vietnamese.

(iv) A general election under international supervision to set up a government in Kampuchea.

Reportedly the ideas have not found general acceptance.

Deposits of Indian Workers held up in Saudi Arabia

1739. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken up the question of repatriation of a large amount of money deposited by the Indian workers in the Saudi Arabian Social Insurance Scheme which has been held up by the Saudi Authorities; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The question of refund of contributions deposited by expatriate workers under the Social Insurance Scheme in Saudi Arabia is yet to be decided by the General Organisation of Social Insurance (GOSI) and the Saudi Government. The local Government is in favour of direct dealing for refund of contributions and the Mission has, therefore, informed the contributors to file their claims directly to GOSI.

Assam Accord

1740. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have held several rounds of discussions with the Chief Minister of Assam regarding the implementation of Assam Accord;

(b) if so, whether the discussions have led to the identification of specific areas of agreement and disagreement; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During these discussions, which mainly centred on the proposal of the State Government for amendments to the illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983, the following were identified as the main issues:—

(i) Residence within 3 kms. of the person reported as illegal migrant in case of private complaints;

(ii) fee of Rs. 25/- with every private complaint;

(iii) burden of proof;

(iv) replacing 3-Member Tribunal by Single-Member Tribunal; and